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1. Prior to the fall of 1951, a barracks installation on the south side of ul. Gen. Sikorskiego in Warsaw, which was occupied by a Polish motorized heavy artillery unit was located directly southwest of the western approach to the Poniatowski Bridge and was believed to extend to the west as far as ul. Smolna. The installation adjoined a military museum where old guns and other items were exhibited. It was an old installation including a very large four or five-story brick building, with side wings, facing ul. Sikorskiego. The soldiers of the unit, who were estimated to number at least 400 men, wore khaki uniforms and, [REDACTED] yellow cap bands. Numerous soldiers in Warsaw were observed wearing yellow cap bands and red service color. About 15 very heavy guns were seen in the barracks yard. They were towed by fairly low caterpillar tractors. The single-load gun had two wheels and a barrel without muzzle brake, 7 or 8 meters long and tapering towards the muzzle. [REDACTED] the total diameter of the barrel including its wall at 200-mm at the muzzle and, [REDACTED] immediately pointed to the Soviet 152-mm gun. Occasionally, [REDACTED] an unidentified number of 57-mm AT guns beside the heavy guns in the barracks yard. [REDACTED] weapons, other than the old guns, were also stored for inspection purposes in the military museum. 1

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2. In the fall of 1951, [REDACTED] a modern, at least six-story, brick building on the south side of ul. Filtrowa and west of ul. Sucha was occupied by a Polish military headquarters or was used as a military administration building. The building, which was located near the Consulate of the German Democratic Republic at 23 ul. Langiewicza, was guarded by sentries wearing khaki uniforms and several enamelled signs which showed the Polish eagle emblem in red were hung at the entrance. Numerous officers, arriving in private cars, entered and left the agency. 2

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3. Prior to the summer of 1952, a KBW (Internal Security) unit of 12 companies wearing blue service color was located in the barracks installation on the eastern edge of Lazienki Park. The unit was billeted in four new barracks blocks which were recently constructed in the western section of the former Cavalry Barracks.

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[redacted] about six heavy machine guns on small wheels and about six mortars whose barrels and base plates were transported separately with each company. The units usually marched out of the installation for training. 3

4. An undestroyed section of the old Cavalry Barracks adjoined the barracks blocks occupied by the KBW unit to the north. The two sections were partitioned from west to east by a barbed-wire fence. In the early summer of 1951, a Polish AAA unit moved into the northern section. The soldiers, who wore khaki uniforms and red service color, were quartered in a three-story barracks building. [redacted] about 10 guns which were stored in the former riding hall.

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[redacted] two or three ballistic directors. The AAA-men received training in their billeting area and pulled the guns to the barracks yard where AA aiming devices were set up. In July 1952, the unit still occupied the same billets. 4

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5. In 1951, [redacted] the training ground of the KBW (Internal Security) troops from the barracks installation on the eastern edge of Lazienki Park. Prior to late 1951, [redacted] which was located between ul. Czerniakowska and the Skiekierki Borough, south of ul. Podchorazych.

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6. Prior to late 1951, only small wooden buildings occupied, first, by KBW (Internal Security) and, later, by civilians were located in the former barracks area bounded by Rozbrat, Szwolezerow and Czerniakowska Streets and, to the north, the W.I. Stadium. A barracks installation no longer existed in this area. A camp of about six low wooden buildings occupied by the women's labor service was located on the south side of Szwolezerow, directly west of ul. Czerniakowska. 3

7. Prior to August 1952, [redacted] the KBW (Internal Security) guard regiment in the barracks installation east of Lazienki Park. [redacted] constantly saw men wearing blue service color at the installation.

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1. [redacted] Comment. This barracks installation is reported for the first time as occupied by an artillery unit. It is fairly definitely believed that the museum is the building in which armored vehicles were stored in 1951-1952.

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2. [redacted] Comment. It seems likely that this headquarters is connected with the nearby Defense Ministry.

3. [redacted] Comment. The statements of the present report confirm several previous reports. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. The AAA unit is reported for the first time. The statement explains the fact that KBW wearing red service color was frequently reported in the barracks installations east of Lazienki Park.

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